

PROCLAMATION MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION WEEK NOVEMBER 21-28, 2009

WHEREAS, in the month of November, as we celebrate our nation's blessings and give thanks for our freedom to enjoy them, we honor our brave service members and their families for their selfless service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, when members of our nation's military serve their country, their families serve, too, providing their loved ones with invaluable encouragement and support; and

WHEREAS, military families have shown their heart in the face of adversity, and along with their loved ones in uniform, serve us every day with courage and dignity; and

WHEREAS, it is important for us to ensure that while our men and women in uniform discharge their duties, we do all we can to promote and preserve the well-being of their families, and that we support the families of our wounded patriots and our fallen heroes who have paid the ultimate price for the freedoms we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's citizens are encouraged to honor our military members and their families for their service and sacrifice, and thank them for their dedication to our state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 21-28, 2009, **MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

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